Jessica Farrar

Biography

Jessica Farrar is currently in her 9th term as State Representative of District 148. She was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1994 at the age of 27, and she is the longest serving Hispanic member from Harris County in the Texas House of Representatives.

Rep. Farrar currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Environmental Regulation and a member of the House Committee of Border and Intergovernmental Affairs. Past assignments have included the Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Land and Resource Management, House Committees on State Affairs, Juvenile Justice and Family Issues, Corrections, County Affairs, Agriculture and Livestock, and Appropriations.

In addition, Representative Farrar serves as Leader of the House Democratic Caucus, and is the founder and Vice-Chair of the Women's Health Caucus. She previously served as Secretary of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus (MALC) and Vice-Chair of the Legislative Study Group (LSG).

Representative Farrar works extensively on issues related to the environment, womens health, children's healthcare, education, taxes, homeowner rights, homeland and border security, domestic violence, sexual assault, reproductive rights, insurance coverage, transportation, discrimination, and criminal and juvenile justice.

Rep. Farrar grew up in Houston. She received a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Houston and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Texas School of Law. She is married to Lieutenant Colonel Marco Sanchez, who is a practicing attorney. They live in Houston's Lindale Park neighborhood with their dogs, Cricket and Possum.

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